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Dear Mr Porter:

We are pleased to inform you that your Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) plan has been approved as amended by the additional information you submitted on February 9, March 5, and March 20, 1998. We appreciate your efforts and the efforts of your staff, and extend our congratulations to California on the approval of your plan.

The Department of Health and Human Services will continue to provide information related to areas such as enrollment and administrative simplification, models of successful outreach programs, comprehensive systems and measures of quality care, linkages to other children's health programs, and data options through State letters and through the Departmental website. I hope you will find these resources helpful as you implement your program.

Your project officer continues to be Ms.Kathleen Farrell. Ms. Farrell is available to answer any questions concerning the implementation of your Title XXI Program and can be reached at (410)786-1236. Her address is:

Health Care Financing Administration Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Mail Stop C3-18-26 7500 Security Boulevard Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850

Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to the project officer and to Richard Chambers, Associate Regional Administrator, Division of Medicaid. Mr. Chamber's address is:

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Again, we extend our congratulations and look forward to working with you during the course of the program.

Sincerely,

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